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DISTRICT COUNCIL

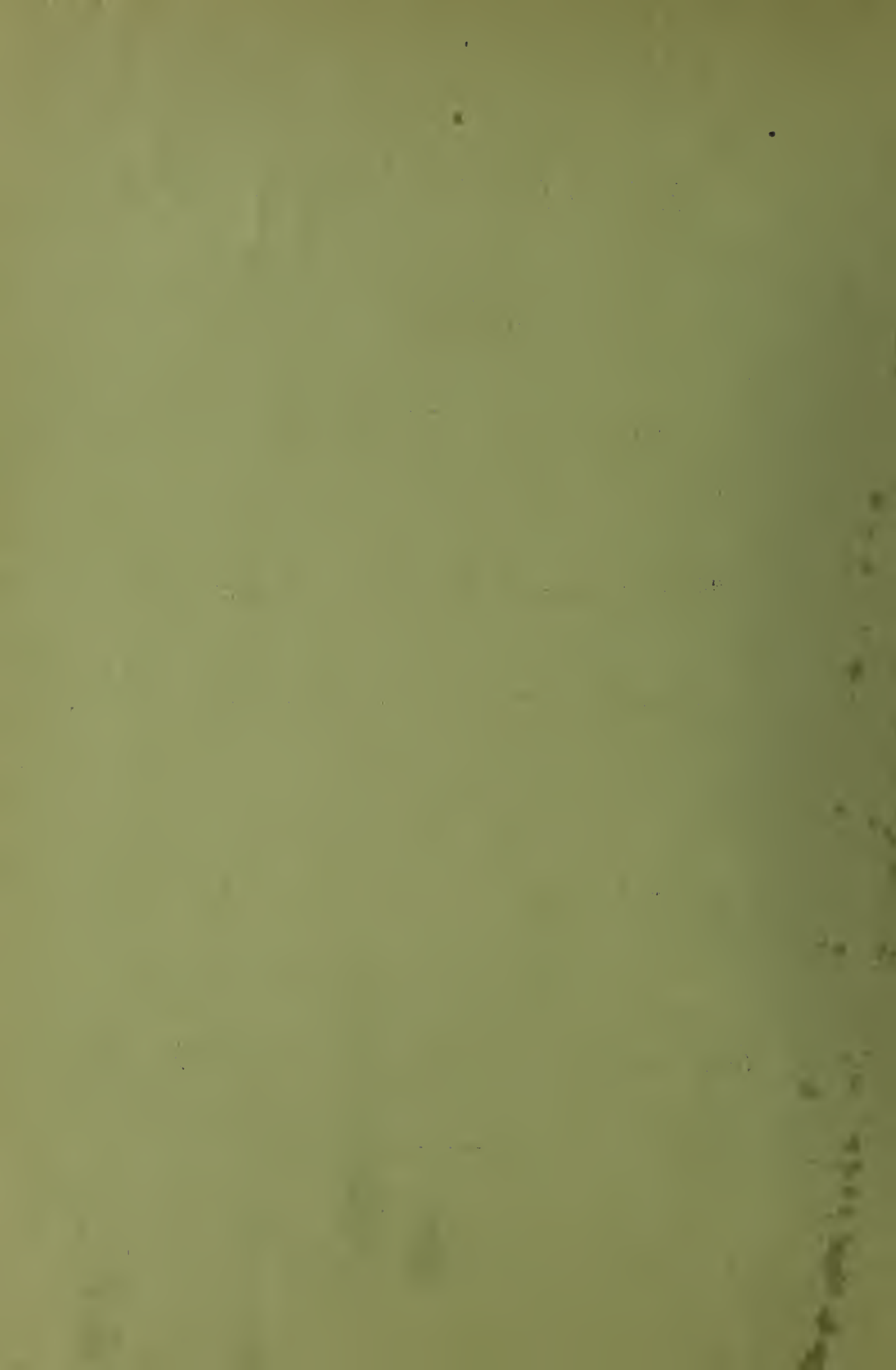
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1959 - 1960.

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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR 1959

AREA OF DISTRICT IN ACRES	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,353
POPULATION (CENSUS 1921)	...	...	...	...	...	...	31,088
(CENSUS 1931)	...	...	...	...	...	...	30,970
(CENSUS 1951)	...	...	...	...	...	...	28,826
ESTIMATED POPULATION FOR BIRTH & DEATH RATES 1959	...	...	...	...	...	...	28,070
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES(31/12/59)	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,705
NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSE	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.6
RATEABLE VALUE, 1ST APRIL, 1960 (ESTIMATED)	...	...	...	...	...	...	£214,312
PRODUCT OF PENNY RATE, 1959-60 (ESTIMATED)	...	...	...	...	...	...	£821
NUMBER OF BIRTHS	...	...	...	...	...	...	463
NET BIRTH RATE	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.49
NUMBER OF ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
NUMBER OF DEATHS OF RESIDENTS	...	...	...	...	...	...	304
NET DEATH RATE	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.83
NUMBER OF DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
OF THESE THERE WERE ILLEGITIMATE	...	...	...	...	...	...	NIL
INFANTILE MORTALITY, PER 1,000 BIRTHS	...	...	...	...	...	...	19.44
NUMBER OF WOMEN DYING FROM CHILDBIRTH	...	...	...	...	...	...	NIL
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL FORMS OF TUBERCULOSIS	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL FORMS OF INFLUENZA	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL FORMS OF BRONCHITIS	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL FORMS OF PNEUMONIA	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL FORMS OF MEASLES	...	...	...	...	...	...	NIL
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL FORMS OF CIRCULATORY DISEASES	...	...	...	...	...	...	96
NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM ALL FORMS OF CANCER	...	...	...	...	...	...	56

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
1950	626	319
1951	577	394
1952	563	300
1953	554	333
1954	534	327
1955	492	319
1956	537	313
1957	527	332
1958	500	285
1959	463	304

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

MUNICIPAL OFFICES,

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14TH JUNE, 1960.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE BEDWELLY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. BAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

NURSING AS A CAREER

THE GREAT HOSPITAL CONTROVERSY CONTINUES, AND SOME TIME, I PROMISED THE EDITOR OF ONE OF OUR LOCAL PAPERS AN ARTICLE ON NURSING AS A CAREER. DISAGREEING VIOLENTLY, AS MOST OTHER PEOPLE, WITH THE DISTRICT HOSPITAL IDEA, I HAVE HELD IT UP, BUT NOW THE REGIONAL BOARD ARE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS IN THE MATTER, I HAVE DECIDED TO GO TO PRESS BECAUSE, WHATEVER IS ULTIMATELY DECIDED UPON BY THE BOARD OR BY THE MINISTER, WE MUST ALL DO OUR BEST TO MAKE THE SCHEME A SUCCESS.

ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF FREE TREATMENT FOR ALL UNDER THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE HAS BEEN THE CLOSING OF HOSPITALS DUE TO LACK OF NURSES. THIS HAD UNDOUBTEDLY CAUSED UNAVOIDABLE DEATHS, ALTHOUGH NO MAN CAN SAY HOW MANY, AND DELAY OR DIMINISHED DEGREE OF RECOVERY, ALTHOUGH NO MAN CAN SAY HOW MUCH.

"WHY", ONE ASKS ONESELF, "IS THERE A SHORTAGE OF NURSES?" ALMOST EVERY WEEK, THERE ARE ADVERTISEMENTS FROM HOSPITALS ALL OVER THE KINGDOM INVITING SUITABLY QUALIFIED WELSH GIRLS TO APPLY FOR VACANCIES WHILST AT THE SAME TIME THERE ARE MANY WOMEN WHO SHOULD BE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY SUITABLE FOR THIS WORK SUFFERING FROM THE COMPARATIVE POVERTY OF THE DOLE OR SIMPLE MENIAL TASKS, AND NOW THE GOVERNMENT HAS STARTED ON A SCHEME OF HOSPITAL REBUILDING WHICH IS BOUND TO BE A PARTIAL FAILURE UNLESS MORE GIRLS DECIDE TO TAKE UP NURSING AS A CAREER.

THERE ARE TWO GREAT DIFFICULTIES AT THE MOMENT.

FIRSTLY, THERE IS A STRONG FEELING THAT ONCE A GIRL ENTERS A HOSPITAL AS A STUDENT NURSE, SHE IS "ON THE SHELF". WHILST IN THE PREVIOUS DAYS THERE WERE ONE OR TWO MILLION SURPLUS WOMEN IN THE POPULATION, THIS THOUGHT MAY HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY JUSTIFIED, TODAY THERE ARE ELEVEN BOYS BORN TO EVERY TEN GIRLS AND THE HIGH MORTALITY IN MALE CHILDREN HAVING NOW BEEN ERADICATED, THE REVERSE IS THE CASE. GIRLS TODAY CAN AFFORD TO PICK AND CHOOSE AND ALSO BIDE THEIR TIME. HOSPITAL TRAINING REMOVES MUCH OF THE VENEER FROM THE MALE SUBJECT AND NURSES HAVE A GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO JUDGE THE MAN OF THEIR CHOICE THAN A LAY-WOMAN. THE SECOND SNAG IS THE INTERVAL BETWEEN SCHOOL LEAVING AND COMMENCEMENT OF NURSING TRAINING AND DESERVES A FRESH PARAGRAPH.

GIRLS CAN LEAVE SCHOOL WHEN THEY ARE FIFTEEN. IN MANY CASES, THEIR PARENTS FORCE THEM TO DO SO FOR FINANCIAL REASONS, STATING EMPHATICALLY THAT A GIRL OF HER AGE "SHOULD BE BRINGING SOMETHING IN". HOWEVER, IN MANY CASES, THE CHOICE IS LEFT TO THE PUPIL HERSELF. A GIRL IN HER LAST YEAR AT SCHOOL WHO MAY BE STARRY-EYED AT THE THOUGHT OF NURSING HAS GOT TO DO SOMETHING FOR ABOUT TWO AND A HALF YEARS. NOW THAT IS WHAT THE BIBLICAL STORY OF JACOB AND ESAU IS ABOUT. JACOB WAS NOT PERFECT, BUT KNEW EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTED. FOR LATER LIFE AND FOR HIS POSTERITY HE WAS PREPARED TO GO TO ANY LENGTHS TO GAIN HIS OBJECTIVE AND MAKE GOOD USE OF IT. ESAU WAS THE CHOSEN ONE BUT WAS TOO SHORT SIGHTED TO BOTHER ABOUT PLANNING THE FUTURE, AND ALTHOUGH HE COMMITTED NO ACTUAL SIN, HE WAS DEPRIVED OF HIS BIRTHRIGHT AND HIS BLESSING. IN OTHER WORDS, ARE TWO AND A HALF YEARS OF COSMETICS, ROCK 'N' ROLL, CIGARETTES, PORT AND LEMON AND CHEAP FINERY IN COMPANY WITH TEDDYBOYS WORTH THROWING AWAY AN INTERESTING AND USEFUL CAREER, A SECURE FUTURE AND A REASONABLE INCOME? MANY SCHOOLS RUN PRE-NURSING COURSES, AS ALSO DO TECHNICAL COLLEGES. HOWEVER, AS I WILL SHOW, TIME SPENT STUDYING FOR THE G.C.E. AT AS HIGH A LEVEL AS POSSIBLE IS BY NO MEANS WASTED IN A NURSING CAREER. GENERALLY SPEAKING, BEFORE THE 18TH BIRTHDAY, A GIRL IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY EMOTIONALLY MATURE FOR NURSING SERIOUSLY SICK, CHRONIC, INSANE OR THE DYING. SHE IS FAR BETTER EMPLOYED NG EDUCATED.

CARDIFF ROYAL INFIRMARY WANT FIVE SUBJECTS IN THE G.C.E. AT ORDINARY LEVEL. ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL, LONDON WANT TWO OF THE SUBJECTS AT HIGHER LEVEL, WHILST OTHER TRAINING SCHOOLS MAY REQUIRE LESS. THIS MAY BE VARIED ACCORDING TO THE ASPIRANT'S SUITABILITY OR OTHERWISE, AND THESE GIRLS ARE THEN, IF, AFTER A TEST ACCEPTED, ADMITTED TO THE PRELIMINARY TRAINING SCHOOL, WHERE IT COSTS OVER £30 A WEEK TO KEEP EACH ONE, AND COMMENCE A THREE YEAR COURSE OF PROBATIONERY TRAINING FOR STATE REGISTERED NURSE OR S.R.N. THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GAIN ADMITTANCE TO THE S.R.N. COURSE MAY, AT A NUMBER OF SMALLER HOSPITALS, EMBARK ON A 2 YEAR COURSE FOR STATE ENROLLED ASSISTANT NURSE (S.E.A.N.) THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF S.E.A.N.'S WILL BE REQUIRED DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS, AND ALTHOUGH THEY WILL NOT BE PLACED IN ANY POSITION OF HIGH RESPONSIBILITY, THEY WILL BE ABLE, IF THEY ARE KEEN AND CAPABLE, TO NURSE EVEN THE MOST SEVERE AND REWARDING TYPES OF DISEASE.

THE S.R.N. STUDENT, HAVING SATISFIED THE EXAMINERS AFTER HER THREE YEAR COURSE IS NOW EXPECTED TO STUDY MIDWIFERY FOR A YEAR AND WORK AS A STAFF NURSE FOR ANOTHER AT LEAST BEFORE BECOMING A WARD SISTER. THEN, IF SHE IS WELL EDUCATED, MANY OTHER CAREERS ARE OPEN TO HER. SHE CAN STUDY AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING, BATTERSEA POLYTECHNIC, QUEEN ELIZABETH OR QUEENS COLLEGE, ETC. FOR UNIVERSITY DIPLOMAS IN NURSING UNDER NURSES, MANY OF WHOM HAVE UNIVERSITY DEGREES. CAREERS OUTSIDE HOSPITAL ARE ALSO OPEN - COUNTY AND COUNTY BOROUGH MIDWIVES AND DISTRICT NURSES, AMONG THEM, GETTING PAID MUCH THE SAME AS WARD SISTERS. LADY HEALTH VISITORS HAVE TO DO PART OF A MIDWIFE'S TRAINING AND ALSO DO A YEAR'S ACADEMIC COURSE (FOR WHICH THEY USUALLY MANAGE TO GET THEIR KEEP AND A SMALL SALARY) AND THEN ENJOY A MOST RESPONSIBLE POSITION IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE SALARY OF A SISTER TUTOR. THEN THERE ARE MATRONS, SUPERVISORS, SISTER TUTORS, EDITORS OF JOURNALS, AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATE TEACHERS IN THE NURSING COLLEGES, AS WELL AS MANY INTERESTING AND FASCINATING JOBS IN PRIVATE FIRMS. THERE ARE ALSO MANY JOBS ABROAD. SISTERS IN MILITARY, AIR FORCE AND NAVAL HOSPITALS. JOBS IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION, COLONIAL

ADMINISTRATION, PRIVATE FIRMS, SHIPS AND AIRLINES. ALL FOR WAITING A FEW YEARS BEFORE PLUNGING INTO MATRIMONY. ALSO, THE CAREER DOES NOT END THE MOMENT A WOMAN HAS HER FIRST BABY. BEFORE SHE IS FIFTY, THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF TIME TO REAR A FAMILY AND HAVE THEM OFF HER HANDS. THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT ONE OF HER CHILDREN OR HER HUSBAND WILL BE AN INVALID AND SHE WILL HAVE TO GO TO WORK. WHAT DOES AN OFFICE CLEANER GET? VERY LITTLE. MY WIFE IS A TOP GRADE SHORTHAND TYPIST, BUT CAN ONLY GET ABOUT NINE POUNDS A WEEK. FROM NOW ONWARDS ANY STATE REGISTERED NURSE LIVING OUT SHOULD BE ABLE TO EARN UPWARDS OF FOURTEEN POUNDS PER WEEK, OF COURSE IF SHE LIVES IN, DEDUCTIONS WILL BE MADE AS IF SHE HAD TO KEEP HERSELF IN DIGS. LASTLY, WHEN GIRLS SEE THE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR STUDENT NURSES, THEY SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THEY ARE ONLY TRAINING GRANTS NOT SALARIES AND COMPARED WITH A UNIVERSITY BURSARY ARE MOST GENEROUS. THEY SHOULD THINK IT OVER CAREFULLY!

IF A GIRL CANNOT MAKE THE S.R.N. GRADE, A S.E.A.N. WILL ALWAYS GUARANTEE A ROOF OVER HER HEAD, A REASONABLY FULL STOMACH AND ENOUGH MONEY IN HER PURSE TO ENSURE THAT SHE GOES OUT WELL DRESSED AND CAN AFFORD THOSE LITTLE LUXURIES WHICH ARE DENIED TO SO MANY EVEN IN THE WELFARE STATE.

THE DOCTOR MACMILLAN MEMORIAL CLOCK

DR. SAMUEL RONALD MACMILLAN, WHOSE TRAGIC PREMATURE DEATH DEPRIVED MANY OF OUR PEOPLE OF THEIR DESERVEDLY TRUSTED FAMILY DOCTOR, WAS THE LAST OF THE DISTINGUISHED LINE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONER MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH OF THE BEDWELLTY AREA. BORN 1899 IN EDINBURGH, HE WAS EDUCATED AT THE EDINBURGH ACADEMY SCHOOL AND THE EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL. HE QUALIFIED IN 1923 AND WENT AS AN ASSISTANT GENERAL PRACTITIONER AND ASSISTANT M.O.H. AT MEASTON-IN-WHARFDALE, THUS GAINING SOME EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC HEALTH. HE THEN CAME TO NEW TREDEGAR AS ASSISTANT TO DR. REES ROBERTS AND WENT FROM THERE TO THE PONTLOTTYN MEDICAL AID SOCIETY. NOT LONG AFTER, DR. REES ROBERTS, WHO HELD THE POST OF M.O.H., ALAS, DIED, AND

DR. MACMILLAN BOUGHT HIS PRACTICE AND RETURNED TO NEW TREDEGAR TO BE M.O.H., BEDWELLYT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ALSO, AND WHERE HIS DILIGENCE AND SKILL SOON EARNED HIM A LARGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS. HE WAS MEDICAL OFFICER TO THE BEDWELLYT ISOLATION HOSPITAL, AND, UNDER THE NEW HOSPITAL REGIME FROM 1948, SAT ON THE RHYMNEY & SIRHOWY HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. MANY OF HIS ANNUAL REPORTS REITERATED THE CRYING NEED FOR BETTER HOSPITAL FACILITIES IN THE AREA, AND HAVING TO COPE WITH MANY OF THE CASES IN THE 1952 PARATYPHOID EPIDEMIC, HE PROBABLY SAW THE LAST OF THE OLD TYPE INFECTIOUS DISEASE EPIDEMICS, THE HOSPITAL FOR WHICH HE DID SO MUCH NOW BEING GIVEN LARGELY OVER TO CARING FOR THE CHRONIC SICK.

A MAN OF VERY STRONG OPINIONS, HE WAS SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT FOR A NEWCOMER IN MY POSITION AND ALSO, TOO, OF STRONG OPINIONS TO GET ON WITH AT TIMES, PARTICULARLY NOT KNOWING THAT THERE WOULD BE SO LAMENTABLY SHORT A PERIOD TO GET TO KNOW HIM BETTER. HOWEVER, I SHOULD LIKE TO JOIN WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY IN PAYING SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO HIS SHREWDNESS AS A PHILOSOPHER AND HIS SKILL, DILIGENCE AND INTEGRITY AS A DOCTOR WHO MAY WELL BE SET UP AS A PATTERN FOR NEWCOMERS TO THE MINING VALLEYS TO IMITATE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, KATHLEEN, HIS SON, NEIL, NOW IN HIS FINAL YEAR AT ST. THOMAS'S AND HIS DAUGHTER, JEAN, AT MONMOUTH SCHOOL.

I AM, MRS. BAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,

R. A. HOEY

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

B I R T H S 1 9 5 9

THE BIRTHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR:

	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
LEGITIMATE	229	220
ILLEGITIMATE	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>
TOTALS	<u>234</u>	<u>229</u>

LIVE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 OF THE POPULATION	...	...	...	...	16.49
PERCENTAGE ILLEGITIMATE TO LEGITIMATE	...	...	...	...	3.1
STILLBIRTHS	...	...	...	...	23
STILLBIRTH RATE PER 1,000 LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS		...	...	...	47.3
TOTAL LIVE AND STILLBIRTHS	...	...	...	...	486

D E A T H S 1 9 5 9

NO. OF DEATHS DURING YEAR	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	304
THE DEATH RATE AFTER CORRECTION OF INWARD AND OUTWARD TRANSFERS								10.83

DEATH RATE FOR THE PREVIOUS YEARS MAY BE COMPARED:

<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
13.78	10.51	11.68	11.55	11.34	11.16	11.85	10.15	10.83

INFANTILE MORTALITY

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER ONE YEAR

UNDER 1 WEEK	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
1 - 2 WEEKS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
2 - 3 WEEKS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
3 - 4 WEEKS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
TOTAL UNDER ONE MONTH									6
1 - 3 MONTHS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
3 - 6 MONTHS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
6 - 9 MONTHS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
9 - 12 MONTHS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
TOTAL									9

INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS	...	...	19.46
INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS - LEGITIMATE			20.04
INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS - ILLEGITIMATE			NIL
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
(FIRST 4 WEEKS)	...	...	12.95

DEATHS FROM ZYMOTIC DISEASES

NIL

MATERNAL MORTALITY

PER 1,000 BIRTHS (LIVE AND STILL):

BEDWELLTY	...	...	...	...	...	NIL
MONMOUTH COUNTY	...	...	...	...	...	0.52

CAUSES OF DEATHS 1959

CAUSE	MALES	FEMALES
TUBERCULOSIS (RESPIRATORY)	8	-
TUBERCULOSIS (OTHER)	1	1
MEASLES	-	-
SYPHILITIC DISEASES	-	-
DIPHTHERIA	-	-
WHOOPING COUGH	-	-
POLIOMYELITIS	-	-
MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS	-	-
PARASITE DISEASE	-	-
CANCER (STOMACH)	8	5
CANCER (LUNG)	6	1
CANCER (BREAST)	-	4
CANCER (UTERUS)	-	5
CANCER (OTHER SITES)	16	11
LEUKAEMIA	1	-
DIABETES	1	-
VASCULAR LESIONS OF NERVOUS SYSTEM	22	21
CORONARY DISEASE - ANGINA	25	11
HYPERTENSION WITH HEART DISEASE	8	4
OTHER HEART DISEASES	16	20
OTHER CIRCULATORY DISEASES	6	6
INFLUENZA	2	1
PNEUMONIA	7	2
BRONCHITIS	18	13
OTHER RESPIRATORY DISEASES	7	1
ULCER OF STOMACH AND DUODENUM	3	-
GASTRITIS, ENTERITIS, DIARRHOEA	-	1
NEPHRITIS AND NEPHROSIS	3	-
HYPERPLASIA OF PROSTATE	2	-
PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH, ABORTION	-	-
CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS	3	1
OTHER DEFINED AND ILLDEFINED DISEASES	14	11
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	2	-
OTHER ACCIDENTS	2	1
SUICIDE	1	2
TOTALS	182	122

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With the Compliments of the

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**MUNICIPAL OFFICES,
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CAUSES OF DEATH UNDER ONE YEAR

CAUSE	UNDER 1 WEEK	1 TO 2 WEEKS	2 TO 3 WEEKS	3 TO 4 WEEKS	4 WEEKS TO 3 MONTHS	3 TO 6 MONTHS	6 TO 9 MONTHS	9 TO 12 MONTHS	TOTAL
PREMATURITY	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
PNEUMONIA	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
CIRCULATORY DISEASES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
GASTRO ENTERITIS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
BRONCHITIS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
CONVULSIONS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
VIOLENCE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
OTHER CAUSES	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	4
TOTAL	5	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	9

T U B E R C U L O S I S

OCCUPATIONAL INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS

<u>MALES</u>		
OCCUPATION	PULMONARY	NON-PULMONARY
O.A.P.	1	0
SCHOOL AGE	2	1
UNDER SCHOOL AGE	2	-
MINER	5	1
FITTER	1	-
CLERK	1	-
<u>FEMALES</u>		
HOUSEWIFE	2	-

HOSPITAL AND SANATORIUM TREATMENT

OF CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS

HOSPITAL	PULMONARY CASES		NON-PULMONARY CASES	
	ADMITTED	DISCHARGED	ADMITTED	DISCHARGED
LLANGWYFAN HOSPITAL	-	1	-	-
CEFN MABLY	1	2	-	-
GLAN ELY	7	11	-	-
S. WALES SAN., TALGARTH	5	11	-	-
GELLYGAER HOSPITAL	9	14	-	-
SULLY HOSPITAL	7	12	1	1
TOTAL	29	51	1	1

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF
NOTIFICATION OF TUBERCULOSIS

	PULMONARY CASES	NON-PULMONARY CASES
JANUARY	4	-
FEBRUARY	-	-
MARCH	1	-
APRIL	3	-
MAY	2	1
JUNE	-	-
JULY	-	1
AUGUST	1	-
SEPTEMBER	1	-
OCTOBER	2	-
NOVEMBER	-	-
DECEMBER	-	-
	14	2

COMPARISON OF NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS
FROM PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS DURING THE
LAST TEN YEARS

YEAR	FORMAL NOTIFICATIONS	DEATHS
1950	32	15
1951	46	10
1952	38	9
1953	34	11
1954	37	2
1955	38	3
1956	26	3
1957	26	1
1958	34	9
1959	14	10

TUBERCULOSIS
NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE NEW CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS
AND DEATHS FROM THE DISEASE DURING 1959.

AGE PERIOD IN YEARS	NEW CASES						DEATHS					
	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY			PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY		
	M	F	TOTAL	M	F	TOTAL	M	F	TOTAL	M	F	TOTAL
0 - 5	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 14	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
15 - 24	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	3	-	3	1	-	1	4	1	5	-	-	-
65 & OVER	2	-	2	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	-
TOTAL	12	2	14	2	-	2	8	1	9	1	-	1

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

REGISTRATION WARDS AND QUARTERS DURING 1958

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE	TOTALS	PHILLIPS-TOWN	NEW TREDEGAR	ABER-BAR-GOED	PENGAM	CEFN FFOREST	BLACK-WOOD	ARGOED	MARK-HAM	HOLLY-BUSH	QUARTERS
SCARLET FEVER	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PNEUMONIA	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
WHOOPING COUGH	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	2
MEASLES	307	19	62	54	28	48	62	16	11	-	163
FOOD POISONING	14	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
ERYSIPELAS	3	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
POLIOMYELITIS	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	329	19	62	70	30	50	62	18	11	0	169
											153
											6
											1

ANALYSIS OF TOTAL CASES AND DEATHS FROM
INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACCORDING TO AGE GROUPS

DISEASE	CASES NOTIFIED												DEATHS													
	AGE GROUPS												AGE GROUPS													
	UNDER 1 YR	1 - 2 YRS	2 - 3 YRS	3 - 4 YRS	4 - 5 YRS	5 - 9 YRS	10-14 YRS	15-24 YRS	25-34 YRS	35-45 YRS	45-65 YRS	65 & OVER	TOTAL ALL AGES	UNDER 1 YR	1 - 2 YRS	2 - 3 YRS	3 - 4 YRS	4 - 5 YRS	5 -10 YRS	10-15 YRS	15-20 YRS	20-35 YRS	35-45 YRS	45-65 YRS	65 & OVER	TOTAL ALL AGES
SCARLET FEVER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0													0
PNEUMONIA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2												9
WHOOPING COUGH	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3													0
MEASLES	15	30	30	31	44	152	4	1	-	-	-	-	307													0
FOOD POISONING	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	5	-	-	1	1	14													0
MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0													0
POLIOMYELITIS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0													0
ERYSIPELAS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	3													0
TOTALS	15	30	30	33	45	153	10	6	0	1	3	3	329	2												9

DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS

ACCORDING TO AGE GROUPS

IN THE PAST 12 YEARS

YEAR	AGE GROUP		
	1 - 5 YRS	6 - 15 YRS	16 & OVER
1948	4	6	26
1949	2	4	37
1950	2	1	29
1951	3	4	29
1952	1	1	36
1953	3	4	25
1954	3	2	32
1955	-	4	34
1956	1	7	18
1957	2	4	20
1958	1	5	19
1959	3	1	10

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

(TELEPHONE: BARGOED 2137)

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
MUNICIPAL OFFICES,
ABERBARGOED,
BARGOED, GLAM.

1ST JUNE, 1960.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BEDWELLTY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. BAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE PLEASURE IN SUBMITTING MY ANNUAL REPORT
ON THE WORK DONE IN MY DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1959.

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NOTICES SERVED UNDER
PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936.

1. SECTIONS 92 - 93 (ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES, REPAIRS TO PROPERTY)
 INFORMAL NOTICES ... 115
 ABATEMENT NOTICES ... 74
2. SECTION 83 (NOTICE TO CLEANSE FILTHY PREMISES)..... 9
3. SECTION 138 (PROVISION OF SUFFICIENT WATER SUPPLY TO HOUSES).. 1

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

A. HOUSES DEMOLISHED

IN CLEARANCE AREAS

1. HOUSES UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION
2. HOUSES INCLUDED BY REASON OF BAD ARRANGEMENT
3. HOUSES ON LAND ACQUIRED UNDER SECTION 43 (2) HOUSING ACT, 1957

NOT IN CLEARANCE AREAS

4. AS A RESULT OF FORMAL OR INFORMAL PROCEDURE UNDER SECTION 17 (1) HOUSING ACT, 1957
5. LOCAL AUTHORITY OWNED HOUSES CERTIFIED UNFIT BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
6. HOUSES UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION WHERE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN UNDER LOCAL ACTS
7. UNFIT HOUSES INCLUDED IN UNFITNESS ORDERS

B. UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED

8. UNDER SECTIONS 16 (4), 17 (1) AND 35 (1) HOUSING ACT, 1957
9. UNDER SECTIONS 17(3) AND 26, HOUSING ACT, 1957.
10. PARTS OF BUILDING CLOSED UNDER SECTION 18, HOUSING ACT, 1957.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED	DISPLACED	
	PERSONS	FAMILIES
25	97	24
-	-	-
-	-	-
60	158	45
2	3	2
-	-	-
-	-	-
5	18	6
-	-	-
-	-	-

C. UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

11. AFTER INFORMAL ACTION BY LOCAL AUTHORITY
12. AFTER FORMAL NOTICE UNDER (A) PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS
(B) SECTIONS 9 & 16
HOUSING ACT, 1957
13. UNDER SECTION 24, HOUSING ACT, 1957

BY OWNER	BY L.A.
47	-
67	1
-	-
-	-

HOUSING

DURING 1959, THE RE-HOUSING OF DISPLACED PERSONS FROM HOUSES BEING DEMOLISHED WAS COMPLETED. WITH CO-OPERATION OF THE HOUSING MANAGER (MR. A. S. DAYNES) IT WAS CARRIED OUT WITH THE MINIMUM OF INCONVENIENCE CAUSED TO THE TENANTS BY RE-HOUSING THEM IN ACCOMMODATION OF SUITABLE SIZE AND IN A PART OF THE AREA NEAR TO THEIR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT. AGAIN, THE WISH OF THE OLDER PEOPLE NOT TO BE MOVED FAR FROM THE AREA IN WHICH THEY HAD LIVED FOR A LONG TIME WAS RESPECTED.

A PLEASING FEATURE OF THE SCHEME IS THAT THE TENANTS ARE SETTLING IN THEIR NEW SURROUNDINGS AND THE STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS OF SOME SUSPECT FAMILIES, HAS IMPROVED. TWO CASES WERE UNDER REVIEW AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND ALL PRACTICABLE STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE FAMILY HELP SERVICE.

A SURVEY IS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT AS REQUIRED BY CIRCULAR 2/60 TO ASCERTAIN THE LIST OF HOUSES WHICH ARE STILL REMAINING TO BE DEALT WITH BY DEMOLITION OR CLOSURE, AND THE SUBSEQUENT RE-HOUSING OF THE TENANTS.

NO. OF PERSONS PER HOUSE:-

THE FIGURE GIVING THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS OCCUPYING EACH HOUSE IS SIGNIFICANT WHEN IT SHOWS A FLUCTUATION OR ALTERATION OVER THE YEARS. IN A PERIOD OF TWELVE YEARS - FROM 1948 TO 1959 - THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSE HAS FALLEN FROM 4.6 TO 3.6.

<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
4.6	4.4	4.2	4.1	4.09	4.02	3.93	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.6

THE MAIN FACTORS INFLUENCING THE FALL ARE: (1) A SLIGHT DECREASE OF POPULATION (600 IN 12 YEARS) AND AN INCREASE IN COUNCIL HOUSES OF 100% TO OVER 2,000. THE 1959 FIGURE OF 3.6 WOULD BE FURTHER DECREASED BUT FOR THE DEMOLITION OR CLOSURE OF SOME 100 HOUSES UNDER THE SLUM CLEARANCE SCHEME ABOVE.

AS A COMPARATIVE FIGURE IT IS WORTH RECORDING THAT IN 1931, THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS PER HOUSE WAS 5.7, DUE IN LARGE DEGREE TO MARRIED SONS AND DAUGHTERS HAVING TO LIVE IN APARTMENTS WITH PARENTS - IN MANY CASES DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS.

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT 1959

(A) STANDARD GRANTS

THE OPERATION OF WORK CONCERNING STANDARD GRANTS UNDER THE ABOVE ACT FOR THE PROVISION OF THE FIVE AMENITIES, (VIZ. PROVISION OF (I) BATH IN BATHROOM (II) SUFFICIENT AND SUITABLE FOODSTORE (III) WASH HAND BASIN (IV) HOT WATER SUPPLY (V) INDOOR OR CONTIGUOUS W.C.) IS CARRIED OUT BY THIS DEPARTMENT.

WHEN THE ACT CAME INTO OPERATION, THERE WAS A SPATE OF APPLICATIONS WHICH HAD TO BE DEALT WITH IN ROTATION. NOT ALL THOSE WHO MADE APPLICATIONS HAVE AVAILED THEMSELVES OF THE BENEFITS OF THE ACT. AT THE END OF THE YEAR THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FELL CONSIDERABLY, BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT AS WORK IS COMPLETED ON THE EARLY APPLICATIONS, NEIGHBOURS WILL WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GRANT.

No. OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED TO 31/12/59..... 48
No. OF THESE WHICH WERE VALID FOR GRANT ON
SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF WORK..... 39

THE REMAINING 9 APPLICATIONS WERE INVALID BY REASON OF WORK HAVING BEING COMMENCED BEFORE APPLICATION, OR THE GRANT DID NOT APPLY BECAUSE RE-SITING OF AMENITIES ONLY WAS REQUIRED.

46 OF THE 48 APPLICATIONS WERE FROM OWNER-OCCUPIERS OF DWELLINGS, AND TO 29/2/60, 14 HOUSES HAD BEEN IMPROVED WITH THE AMENITIES, WHILE WORK IS PROCEEDING IN ANOTHER FOURTEEN DWELLINGS.

(B) DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

INSPECTIONS ARE CARRIED OUT WHEN INITIAL APPLICATIONS ARE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL WITH A VIEW TO ASCERTAINING HOW FAR THE HOUSES COMPLY WITH THE 12-POINT STANDARD OF FITNESS AND THE OUTSTANDING REPAIRS. SUCH REPORTS ARE RETURNED TO THE CLERK AND ARE NOTED BY THE ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR WHO DEALS WITH FURTHER PROCEDURE.

NO. OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSE....25.

CAMPING SITES

THERE IS NO LICENSED CAMPING SITE IN THE AREA. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE NUISANCE CAUSED BY CARAVANS OF ITINERANT SCRAP DEALERS, ETC. BEING PITCHED ON ROADSIDES AND WASTELAND. THE CONSEQUENT ACCUMULATION OF REFUSE HAS HAD TO BE DEALT WITH AFTER THE CARAVANNERS HAVE BEEN MOVED ON, WHICH HAS BEEN EFFECTED NOT WITHOUT MUCH PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

THERE IS ONE SMALL COMMON LODGING HOUSE IN THE BLACKWOOD WARD AND THIS IS USED MAINLY FOR SHORT PERIODS. THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS IS 12.

PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT

THE FIVE CINEMAS IN THE AREA HAVE BEEN INSPECTED FOR (A) SANITARY ACCOMMODATION AND (B) MEANS OF INGRESS AND EGRESS, DURING PERFORMANCES. THE ACCOMMODATION IS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY.

THREE NOTICES WERE SERVED IN RESPECT OF MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

THE MINERS' WELFARE INSTITUTES WERE ALSO VISITED. TWO NOTICES WERE SERVED IN RESPECT OF SANITARY ACCOMMODATION. ONE NOTICE WAS SERVED IN RESPECT OF FIRE EXIT DOORS LOCKED AND OBSTRUCTED. THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WERE MET AND THE MATTER IS BEING REMEDIED.

WATER SUPPLY

THE RHYMNEY VALLEY PORTION OF THE AREA IS SUPPLIED BY THE RHYMNEY VALLEY WATER BOARD AND THE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE SIRHOWY VALLEY IS PURCHASED FROM THE TREDEGAR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

FREQUENT SAMPLES OF BOTH SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN IN

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---|----|---------------------------------|
| (A) | RHYMNEY VALLEY | - | 33 | (3 SHOWED SLIGHT CONTAMINATION) |
| (B) | SIRHOWY VALLEY | - | 18 | (1 SLIGHT CONTAMINATION) |

THE SAMPLES IN THE RHYMNEY VALLEY WHICH SHOWED SLIGHT CONTAMINATION WERE DUE TO REPAIR WORK, BUT OTHERWISE THE SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORY. ONE CHEMICAL SAMPLE WAS TAKEN AND THIS PROVED UP TO STANDARD.

THE QUANTITY OF WATER IS GENERALLY ADEQUATE, ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A SHORTAGE IN SOME PARTS ON OCCASIONS.

DURING THE DRY SUMMER, THE WATER WAS SHUT OFF DURING EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING AND THIS CONSERVATION PROVED VERY REWARDING IN THAT SUPPLIES WERE QUITE ADEQUATE TO MEET NORMAL REQUIREMENTS DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY.

BACK LANES

WITH THE COUNCIL'S COLLECTION OF REFUSE SERVICE OPERATING ON THREE DAYS PER WEEK, IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND THE MENTALITY OF PEOPLE WHO WILL CONTINUALLY FOUL THE BACK LANES AND LAND ADJOINING THEIR HOUSES WITH DUMPS OF HOUSEHOLD REFUSE. THIS FILTHY AND INSANITARY PRACTICE IS PREVALENT IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE AREA. MUCH TIME HAS BEEN SPENT IN TRYING TO DETECT THE MALEFACTORS, WARNING LETTERS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED OFFERING REWARDS FOR EVIDENCE LEADING TO PROSECUTION, AND FOUR PERSONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO POLICE COURT AND FINED FOR OFFENCES. POLICE COURT ACTION AND PUBLICITY TEMPORARILY IMPROVED CONDITIONS, BUT IT IS FELT THAT EVERY CITIZEN HAS A DUTY AND RIGHT TO PREVENT THIS NUISANCE.

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951

THERE IS NO SHOP IN THE AREA LICENSED UNDER THE ABOVE ACT.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION - CLEAN AIR ACT 1956

SMOKE CONTROL AREAS, CIRCULAR 5/59

THE BEDWELLY DISTRICT IS WITHIN THE AREA IN SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE HATCHED PURPLE AND BLACK ON THE MAP ATTACHED TO THE INTERIM REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AIR POLLUTION (CIRCULAR 9011. DECEMBER, 1953) AND THEREFORE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE TO BE POTENTIALLY LIABLE TO AIR POLLUTION BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF INDUSTRY AND DENSITY OF POPULATION.

THE ABOVE CIRCULAR FROM THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENQUIRES WHETHER OR NOT AIR POLLUTION IS A SUFFICIENT PROBLEM IN THE DISTRICT TO JUSTIFY THE PREPARATION OF A PROGRAMME AND A REPORT TO THE MINISTER OF A KIND DESCRIBED IN THE CIRCULAR.

1. BYELAWS ARE IN FORCE IN THE AREA AS FROM 1ST JUNE, 1959, STATING THAT THERE SHALL BE PROVIDED IN A NEW BUILDING ONLY SUCH APPLIANCES FOR HEATING OR COOKING AS ARE SUITABLY DESIGNED FOR BURNING APPROVED FUELS.

2. THE APPROVED FUELS INCLUDE COAL OF LOW VOLATILE CONTENT.

INQUIRIES HAVE BEEN MADE FROM THE COAL MARKETING OFFICER OF THE N.C.B. REGARDING TYPES OF COAL SUPPLIED AS CONCESSIONARY COAL TO MINERS, AND THE COAL SUPPLIED TO OTHER CONSUMERS. HE STATES THAT THE VOLATILE CONTENT IS $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ - 17% (WHICH IS WITHIN THE APPROVED FUEL RANGE) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ABOUT 30 TONS A WEEK FOR THE BLACKWOOD AND CEFN FOREST AREAS, WHERE THE VOLATILE CONTENT IS 24% .

SMOKE CONTROL AREAS, CIRCULAR 5/59 (CONT'D)

3. THE LAYOUT OF THE DISTRICT IS NOT CONCENTRATED BUT IN SEVEN GROUPS OF SMALL TOWNSHIPS, AND THEREFORE THE DOMESTIC SMOKE CONCENTRATION IS NOT SERIOUS AS IT MAY OTHERWISE BE IF ALL THE HOUSES WERE GROUPED TOGETHER.

4. THE TOPOGRAPHY OF THE LAND AND PREVAILING WIND LESSENS RISK OF FOGS, AND ONLY ON A FEW OCCASIONS DURING A YEAR ARE THERE HEAVY FOG CONDITIONS.

5. INDUSTRIES IN THE AREA ARE NOT AT THE MOMENT OF A TYPE TO PRODUCE SERIOUS SMOKE NUISANCE. THE ELECTRICITY GENERATING STATION AT ABERBARGOED HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF TROUBLE AND THIS HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETELY ERADICATED. HOWEVER, THE OPERATION OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT IN RESPECT OF THIS INSTALLATION IS UNDER THE INSPECTORATE OF THE ALKALI WORKS ORDER 1958 - ALL ELECTRICITY WORKS WITH A MAXIMUM AGGREGATE RATING OF OVER 450,000 LBS. STEAM PER HOUR ARE SUBJECT TO CONTROL OF THE ALKALI WORKS REGULATION ACT, 1956. THE ABERBARGOED WORKS GENERATE 675,000 LBS STEAM PER HOUR.

6. A DEPOSIT GAUGE AND SULPHUR DIOXIDE CANDLE IS MAINTAINED BY THE COUNCIL AT ABERBARGOED TO CHECK ON VARIATIONS OF DEPOSIT AND POLLUTION IN ORDER THAT FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS MAY BE MADE. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT THE RECORDS OF DEPOSIT OF TONS PER SQUARE MILE PRIOR TO THE INSTALLATION OF THE GRIT ARRESTOR AT THE GENERATING STATION, ABERBARGOED AVERAGED 276 TONS/SQ. MILE PER ANNUM, AND SINCE THE INSTALLATION, THE FIGURE HAS FALLEN TO 201 TONS/SQ. MILE PER ANNUM.

BELOW ARE DETAILS OF THE POLLUTION RECORDED AT THE ABERBARGOED COLLECTING POINT.

	<u>RAINFALL "</u>	<u>TONS PER</u> <u>SQ. MILE</u>
JANUARY	5.76	30.80
FEBRUARY	0.38	8.15
MARCH	4.60	30.18
APRIL	3.96	21.43
MAY	1.38	13.00
JUNE	1.81	11.47
JULY	4.89	13.00
AUGUST	1.07	4.31
SEPTEMBER	0.13	6.81
OCTOBER	5.31	14.47
NOVEMBER	7.36	34.80
DECEMBER	12.29	48.73

A DUST NUISANCE AT ONE OF THE COLLIERIES IN THE AREA WAS DUE TO DISCHARGE FROM A STONE CRUSHING PLANT. AFTER SOME VISITS TO THE PREMISES A BAFFLE WAS EVENTUALLY CONSTRUCTED AT THE END OF A LONG DUCT. WATER SPRINKLERS IN THE BAFFLE BOX PREVENTED THE NUISANCE AND THE SYSTEM APPEARS TO BE WORKING ADEQUATELY.

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 - 59.

THE ABOVE ACT IMPOSES A DUTY ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO MAKE ROUTINE INSPECTIONS OF ALL FACTORIES IN THEIR AREA.

IN FACTORIES WHERE NO MECHANICAL POWER IS USED, DISTRICT COUNCILS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT RELATING TO VENTILATION, TEMPERATURE, DRAINAGE, OVERCROWDING, CLEANLINESS AND SANITARY ACCOMMODATION - THERE ARE 4 SUCH FACTORIES.

IN FACTORIES WHERE MECHANICAL POWER IS USED DISTRICT COUNCILS ARE ONLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT RELATING TO SANITARY ACCOMMODATION - THERE ARE 51 SUCH FACTORIES.

DURING THE YEAR ALL THESE FACTORIES HAVE BEEN INSPECTED WITH REGARD TO THE ABOVE PROVISIONS AND FOUND TO BE GENERALLY SATISFACTORY.

PREScribed PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH.

PREMISES	NUMBER ON REGISTER	NUMBER OF		
		INSPECT- IONS	WRITTEN NOTICES	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED
1. FACTORIES IN WHICH SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4 AND 6 ARE TO BE ENFORCED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES	4	4	-	-
2. FACTORIES NOT INCLUDED IN (1) IN WHICH SECTION 7 IS ENFORCED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY	51	63	5	-
3. OTHER PREMISES IN WHICH SECTION 7 IS ENFORCED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY (EXCLUDING OUT- WORKERS' PREMISES)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	55	67	5	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED
	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERRED		
			TO H.M. INSPECTOR	BY H.M. INSPECTOR	
WANT OF CLEANLINESS (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
OVERCROWDING (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
UNREASONABLE TEMPERATURE (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
INADEQUATE VENTILATION (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
INEFFECTIVE DRAINAGE OF FLOORS (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
SANITARY CONVENIENCES (S.7)					
(A) INSUFFICIENT	2	1	-	-	-
(B) UNSUITABLE OR DEFECTIVE	3	2	-	1	-
(C) NOT SEPARATE FOR SEXES	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER OFFENCES AGAINST THE ACT (NOT INCLUDING OFFENCES RELATING TO OUT-WORK)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5	3	-	1	-

OUTWORKERS (SECTION 110 - 111)

THERE IS NO INDUSTRY IN THE AREA EMPLOYING OUTWORKERS.

RODENT CONTROL

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

A RODENT OPERATOR IS EMPLOYED IN THE DEPARTMENT, AND IN ADDITION A CASUAL LABOURER IS ENGAGED TO ASSIST IN THE WORK OF BAITING SEWERS THROUGHOUT THE AREA AT SIX-MONTHLY INTERVALS. THIS MAINTENANCE TREATMENT OF SEWERS IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE WORK OF RAT DISINFESTATION.

ALL FARMERS WERE CIRCULARISED CALLING THEIR ATTENTION TO THE THRESHING AND DISMANTLING OF RICKS REGULATIONS 1950, AND THE NECESSITY OF INFORMING THE DEPARTMENT WHEN RICK DISMANTLING TAKES PLACE.

No. OF TREATMENTS OF BUSINESS PREMISES.....	20
No. OF TREATMENTS OF PRIVATE DWELLINGS.....	180
No. OF TREATMENTS OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES.....	73

SOME OF THE ABOVE WERE DEALT WITH ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS, THE OWNERS OF BUSINESS PREMISES BEING CHARGED FOR THE SERVICE.

No. OF SURVEYS MADE UNDER THE ACT.....	140
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SHOPS ACT 1950

HOURS OF CLOSING AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION UNDER THE ABOVE ACT ARE DEALT WITH BY THE DEPARTMENT.

ALL SHOPS WERE VISITED AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE YEAR.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948 SEC. 50

BURIAL OR CREMATION OF THE DEAD

UNDER THE ABOVE ACT, IT IS THE DUTY OF A LOCAL AUTHORITY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BURIAL OR CREMATION OF THE BODY OF A PERSON WHO HAS DIED IN THEIR AREA, WHEN IT APPEARS TO THE AUTHORITY THAT NO ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN MADE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THE BODY. EXPENSES MAY BE RECOVERED FROM THE ESTATE OF THE DECEASED OR FROM A NEAR RELATIVE.

No. OF BURIALS DURING THE YEAR.....	1
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TWO UNDERTAKERS ARE UNDER CONTRACT FOR THIS WORK, MR. HERBERT JONES, BLACKWOOD FOR THE SIRHOWY VALLEY AND MR. C. WILDE, NEW TREDEGAR FOR THE RHYMNEY VALLEY. THESE UNDERTAKERS ARE ALSO UNDER CONTRACT TO REMOVE THE BODY OF ANY PERSON FOUND DEAD ON A HIGHWAY, STREET OR PUBLIC PLACE TO THE PUBLIC MORTUARY.

THE NUMBER OF BURIALS IS GRADUALLY DECREASING.

PUBLIC MORTUARY AND POST MORTEM ROOM

No. of AUTOPSIES CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR..... 42

THE CASES WERE FROM:-

NEW TREDEGAR.....	17
ABERBARGOED.....	3
CEFN FFOREST.....	3
PENGAM.....	7
BLACKWOOD.....	5
ARGOED.....	2
OUTSIDE AREAS.....	5

A FEE OF 2 GUINEAS IS PAID BY THE CORONER ON EACH OCCASION FOR THE CLEANING OF THE POST MORTEM ROOM.

THE PART-TIME ATTENDANT IS MR. ELIAS JONES.

RENT ACT 1957.

1. No. of APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF DISREPAIR RECEIVED IN 1959...	3
2. No. of UNDERTAKINGS RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL FROM OWNERS, TO CARRY OUT REPAIRS WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER NOTIFICATION THAT A CERTIFICATE OF DISREPAIR WOULD BE ISSUED.....	0
3. No. of UNDERTAKINGS ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL.....	0
4. No. of CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR GRANTED.....	3
5. No. of APPLICATIONS NOT GRANTED.....	0
6. No. of APPLICATIONS BY OWNERS FOR CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF DISREPAIR.....	6

THE DECREASE IN APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR IS VERY NOTICEABLE AND IT IS DUE VERY LARGELY TO TENANTS NOT PURSUING THE FULL EXTENT OF THE ACT AFTER APPLYING FOR FORM G (THE NOTICE OF DISREPAIR TO BE SERVED ON THE OWNER, BY THE TENANT.)

COUNCIL HOUSES

ROUTINE INSPECTIONS ARE MADE WITH REGARD TO (A) REPAIRS OF AN URGENT NATURE (B) CLEANLINESS. THESE REPAIRS ARE NOTIFIED TO THE HOUSING MANAGER.

EXCEPT FOR A FEW CASES, THE GENERAL STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS IS QUITE SATISFACTORY.

NO. OF INSPECTIONS MADE.....1,172

PROSPECTIVE TENANTS ARE VISITED BY YOUR INSPECTORS TO ASCERTAIN CLEANLINESS, AND THIS IS ALSO DONE WHEN THERE IS A TRANSFER OF TENANCY FROM ONE COUNCIL HOUSE TO ANOTHER.

NO. OF PROSPECTIVE TENANTS VISITED..... 93

NO. OF TRANSFERS INSPECTED..... 89

NO. OF VACANT COUNCIL HOUSES INSPECTED..... 37

NO. OF VACANT COUNCIL HOUSES DISINFESTED... 4

I AM INDEBTED TO MR. A. S. DAYNES, HOUSING MANAGER, FOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:-

NO. OF COUNCIL HOUSES AT 31/12/59.....2,098

NO. OF APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCIL HOUSES:-

	<u>IN APARTMENTS</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
ABERBARGOED	171	37
ARGOED	60	19
BLACKWOOD	133	65
CEFN FFOREST	83	7
NEW TREDEGAR	101	55
PENGAM	91	53
	639	236

THE LIST WAS LAST REVIEWED IN JUNE, 1957.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

SINCE THE COMPLETION OF THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS AT MANMOEL, ONLY A FEW OUTLYING HOUSES IN THE WHOLE AREA ARE NOT ON THE WATER CARRIAGE SYSTEM. THE RHYMNEY VALLEY AND SIRHOWY VALLEY TRUNK SEWERS HAVE A SEA OUTFALL.

SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

(A.) FOOD SHOPS AND STORES - UNSOUND FOODS

THE FOLLOWING FOODS FOUND UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AT
FOOD SHOPS AND STORES, WERE CONDEMNED AND DESTROYED. THIS FOOD WAS
SURRENDERED BY THE SHOPKEEPERS DURING REGULAR INSPECTION OF THE SHOPS.

<u>MEAT</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>CANNED FISH</u>	<u>TINS</u>
BEEF	132	SALMON	36
LAMB	79	PILCHARDS	19
BACON	44	CRAWFISH	2
PORK SAUSAGE	67	CRABMEAT	1

<u>TINNED FRUIT</u>	<u>TINS</u>	<u>CANNED MEAT</u>	<u>TINS</u>
PEARS	204	COOKED HAM	32
PINEAPPLE	238	PORK LUNCHEON MEAT	62
PEACHES	196	CHOPPED PORK	6
APRICOTS	55	CORNEB BEEF	116
GRAPEFRUIT	49	JELLIED VEAL	24
STRAWBERRIES	4	STEAK & KIDNEY PUDDING	1
ORANGES	16	MINCED BEEF LOAF	19
GRAPES	4	LUNCHEON TONGUE	2
CHERRIES	16	STUFFED PORK ROLL	1
RHUBARB	30	STEWED STEAK	28
PRUNES	42	PORK SHOULDER	20
WHIMBERRIES	4	OX TONGUE	2
FRUIT SALAD	42		

OTHER FOODS

TOMATOES	348 TINS	MILK	42 TINS
OXTAIL SOUP	14 TINS	DAMSON JAM	1 POT
FISH PASTE	11 POTS	SMOKED COD	
FRUIT CAKE	2 LBS	FILLET	42 LBS
CREAM	3 TINS	PEAS	16 TINS
PLUM JAM	2 POTS	CARROTS	14 TINS
BUTTER	6 LBS	LARD	6 LBS
VEGETABLE SOUP	2 TINS	ALMONDS	22 PACKETS
PICKLED ONIONS	3 POTS	BAKED BEANS	28 TINS
TEA	12 LBS	LEMON CURD	7 POTS
		CHEESE	12½ LBS

APPROX. TOTAL WEIGHT OF CONDEMNED FOOD..... 1 TON 5 CWTs. 20 LBS.

APPLES FROM LEBANON

DURING FEBRUARY A NOTIFICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARDIFF PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THAT APPLES CONTAMINATED WITH ARSENIC AND LEAD HAD BEEN CONSIGNED TO STORES AND SHOPS. THE SHOPS WERE NOTIFIED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AND TO THOROUGHLY WASH THE APPLES BEFORE SALE. SHOPKEEPERS CO-OPERATED IN THE MATTER.

(B) PRESERVED FOODS AND SAUSAGE PREPARATION PREMISES

ALL BUTCHER'S SHOPS HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND PARTICULAR ATTENTION PAID TO THE SAUSAGE AND PIE-MAKING FACILITIES.

THE PREMISES ARE GENERALLY SATISFACTORY.

NO. OF PREMISES INSPECTED.....21
NO. OF NOTICES SERVED..... 8
NO. OF INSPECTIONS MADE.....45

PROVISION OF COVERED BINS, REMOVAL OF ARTICLES NOT USED IN THE PROCESSES, COVERING OF PREPARATION TABLES AND DECORATION WERE THE MAIN ITEMS REQUIRING ATTENTION.

(C) CAFES AND RESTAURANTS

THESE PREMISES HAVE BEEN VISITED FROM TIME TO TIME DURING THE YEAR. MOST OF THEM SERVE ONLY LIGHT MEALS AND SNACKS. AT TIMES OF INSPECTION THE PROPRIETORS APPEARED TO CO-OPERATE IN CARRYING OUT HYGIENIC PRACTICES.

(D) ICE CREAM AND ICE CREAM PREMISES

52 SAMPLES OF ICE CREAM WERE TAKEN DURING THE YEAR. THESE SAMPLES WERE TAKEN FROM 9 CAFES AND SHOPS IN THE AREA AND FROM 5 VANS WHICH CAME FROM OUTSIDE THE AREA.

WHERE SAMPLES GAVE BAD RESULTS SEVERAL "FOLLOW-UP" SAMPLES WERE TAKEN DURING THE SUCCEEDING WEEKS. THIS ACTION, TOGETHER WITH INSPECTION AND ADVICE GIVEN AT THE PREMISES OF MANUFACTURE AND/OR SALE, EFFECTED AN IMPROVEMENT IN RESULTS OF THE SUBSEQUENT SAMPLES.

AT ONE CAFE, WHERE ICE CREAM IS MANUFACTURED AT THE REAR OF THE PREMISES, AFTER SEVERAL SAMPLES HAD GIVEN BAD RESULTS, A THOROUGH INSPECTION WAS CARRIED OUT OF ALL EQUIPMENT USED DURING THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS. IT WAS FOUND THAT BRINE SOLUTION WAS LEAKING FROM ONE OF THE LIDS OF THE STORAGE REFRIGERATOR AND CONTAMINATING THE ICE CREAM. THIS DEFECT WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE VENDOR, AND WHEN REMEDIED, FURTHER SAMPLES GAVE GOOD RESULTS.

(D) ICE CREAM AND ICE CREAM PREMISES (CONT'D)

NO. OF SAMPLES GIVING SATISFACTORY RESULTS.....	47
NO. OF SAMPLES GIVING UNSATISFACTORY RESULTS.....	5
TOTAL NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN.....	52

THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PREMISES WHERE ICE-CREAM OF THE PROPRIETARY TYPE IS SOLD, AND SEVERAL PUBLIC HOUSES HAVE NOW BEEN LICENSED FOR THE SALE.

THE NUMBER OF PREMISES NOW SELLING ICE CREAM IS...96 AND 85% OF THESE SELL THE PROPRIETARY TYPE.

(E) SCHOOL CANTEENS

THE 18 SCHOOL CANTEENS HAVE BEEN VISITED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DURING PREPARATION OF MEALS, AND THE STANDARD OF HYGIENE WAS QUITE SATISFACTORY.

ONCE AGAIN A COMMENT MUST BE MADE ON THE INSUFFICIENT MEANS OF VENTILATION AND STEAM EXTRACTION. MECHANICAL EXTRACTOR FANS HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED. THE INSTALLATION OF THESE WOULD INCREASE VENTILATION AND ALSO WOULD BE VERY ECONOMICAL IN PRESERVING THE DECORATION OF WALLS AND CEILINGS OF KITCHENS, PREVENTING FLAKING ETC. OF PAINTWORK.

(F) PITHEAD AND FACTORY CANTEENS

THE THREE PITHEAD CANTEENS (AT ELLIOTSTOWN, BRITANNIA AND MARKHAM) ARE IN FULL USE, WHILE THREE FACTORIES PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR MAIN MEALS FOR EMPLOYEES.

IT IS APPRECIATED THAT WHEN MINOR DEFECTS ARE NOTIFIED TO THE N.C.B. THEY ARE ATTENDED TO FORTHWITH. THE STANDARD IN FACTORIES IS QUITE GOOD.

(G) FRIED FISH AND CHIP SHOPS

THERE ARE 12 FRIED FISH AND CHIP SHOPS IN THE AREA, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN INSPECTED DURING AND OUT OF BUSINESS HOURS. AS A RESULT SIX NOTICES WERE SERVED UNDER THE FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955.

THE GENERAL STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS AND HYGIENE AT THESE PREMISES WAS QUITE SATISFACTORY.

SEVERAL MOBILE FISH AND CHIP VANS SELLING IN THE AREA WERE STOPPED, AND THE VEHICLES WERE INSPECTED. THE ATTENTION OF ONE DRIVER WAS DRAWN TO THE FACT THAT THE HAND WASHING WATER WAS COLD AND NO SOAP WAS PROVIDED.

(H) PUBLIC HOUSES AND CLUBS

THERE ARE 32 PUBLIC HOUSES AND 21 CLUBS. THE GENERAL CONDITION AT THE PREMISES HAS BEEN MAINTAINED TO A SATISFACTORY STANDARD AS FAR AS EQUIPMENT IS CONCERNED. THE PERSONAL HYGIENE AND METHODS ADOPTED BY LANDLORDS AND STEWARDS IN THE COURSE OF THEIR SERVING IS VERY LARGELY A MATTER FOR THE PERSONS CONCERNED AND IT IS FELT THAT CUSTOMERS CAN CO-OPERATE IN THIS MATTER TO CHECK ANY BAD PRACTICE THAT MAY OCCUR, ESPECIALLY IN INSISTING ON CLEAN GLASSES BEING PRODUCED BY THE STEWARDS AND LANDLORDS, AND ONLY CLEAN CLOTHS BEING USED.

AT ONE PREMISES IT WAS NECESSARY TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE STEWARD TO DIRTY GLASSES, BUT DURING BUSY HOURS, THIS IS MAINLY A MATTER FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CUSTOMER.

SINKS WITH HOT WATER SUPPLY, HAVE BEEN REQUESTED AT THREE PREMISES WHERE NEW BARS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED. THE COUNTERTOPS HAVE BEEN NOW EQUIPPED WITH IMPERVIOUS COVERING AND THIS IS ASSISTING LANDLORDS IN THEIR WORK. THE ITEMS IN RESPECT OF SANITARY ACCOMMODATION WERE MAINLY MATTERS OF MAINTENANCE AND DECORATION. AT ONE CLUB, DUE TO LARGELY INCREASED ATTENDANCE, THE ATTENTION OF ITS COMMITTEE WAS CALLED TO THE NECESSITY FOR THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SANITARY ACCOMMODATION FOR MALES AND FEMALES. PLANS HAVE BEEN PLACED BEFORE THE COUNCIL AS A RESULT OF THE RECOMMENDATION TO PROVIDE SUCH ACCOMMODATION. MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT AT ANOTHER PUBLIC HOUSE AT FLEUR-DE-LIS.

LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO TEN CLUBS AND TO THE PROPRIETORS OF THIRTEEN PUBLIC HOUSES TO ATTEND TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:-

	<u>PUBLIC HOUSES</u>	<u>CLUBS</u>
REPAIRS & REDECORATION TO SANITARY ACCOMMODATION	9	6
REDECORATION OF BAR AND CELLAR ...	4	8
REPAIR OF COUNTER TOPS	2	2
PROVISION OF SINK AND HOT WATER ...	3	0
REPAIRS TO BAR FLOOR	0	3
DIRTY DRINKING GLASSES	0	1

(I) MILK SUPPLY

LICENCES IN FORCE IN THE AREA FOR THE SALE OF DESIGNATED MILKS:-

(A)	DEALERS LICENCES FOR SALE OF PASTEURISED MILK.....	18
(B)	DEALERS LICENCES FOR SALE OF TUBERCULIN TESTED MILK.....	10
(C)	DEALERS LICENCES FOR SALE OF T.T. PASTEURISED MILK.....	7
(D)	DEALERS LICENCES FOR SALE OF STERILISED MILK.....	7
(E)	NO. OF DEALERS FROM OUTSIDE AREAS HOLDING SUPPLEMENTARY LICENCES	12

SAMPLING

NO. OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.....110

(30 FROM SCHOOLS AND 80 FROM VENDORS)

ONLY 8 SAMPLES WERE UNSATISFACTORY. THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL COMMUNICATED WITH THE VENDORS CONCERNED, SEEKING AN EXPLANATION OF THE UNSATISFACTORY REPORT.

RAW MILK SAMPLES EXAMINED FOR TUBERCULOSIS YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS.

THE SAMPLES ARE EXAMINED AT THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, NEWPORT, AND ARE TAKEN BY CAR TO THE LABORATORY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER COLLECTION.

(J) MEAT INSPECTION

THERE IS NO ABATTOIR IN THE AREA, THE MEAT BEING IMPORTED FROM SURROUNDING AREAS AND SOME FROM WHOLESALERS RECEIVING MEAT FROM CENTRES IN LARGE TOWNS.

(K) FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955

A SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION WAS TAKEN AT BLACKWOOD POLICE COURT AGAINST A SHOPKEEPER WHO USED TOBACCO WHILST ENGAGED IN A FOODSHOP WHERE THERE WAS OPEN FOOD. THE MAGISTRATES IMPOSED A FINE OF £3.

(L) FOOD POISONING

DURING APRIL THERE WAS AN OUTBREAK OF FOOD POISONING IN THE ABERBARGOED WARD. FOURTEEN CASES WERE NOTIFIED, ALL OCCURRING DURING THE WEEKEND 3RD TO 6TH APRIL.

(L) FOOD POISONING (CONT'D)

ENQUIRIES WERE MADE IMMEDIATELY TO ASCERTAIN THE CAUSE OF THE OUTBREAK AND THE RESULT OF THESE ENQUIRIES SHOWED THAT THERE WAS A COMMON FOOD FACTOR IN ALL THE CASES - PASTRIES PURCHASED AT ABERBARGOED AND SUPPLIED BY A BAKERY OUTSIDE THE AREA. ALL SHOPS IN YOUR AREA SUPPLIED BY THIS BAKERY WERE CONTACTED AND AT ONE PREMISES SAMPLES OF THE PASTRY WERE OBTAINED. THESE WERE SENT TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, NEWPORT, FOR EXAMINATION TO DETECT FOOD POISONING ORGANISMS.

THE RESULT OF THE EXAMINATION SHOWED - "NO ORGANISMS OF THE ENTERIC, SALMONELLA, OR DYSENTERY GROUPS, BUT A HEAVY MIXED GROWTH OF COLIFORM BACTERIA, PARACOLON AND STAPHYLOCOCCUS ALBUS." THIS MEANS THAT WHILST THERE WERE NO ORGANISMS WHICH CAUSE THE MORE SERIOUS TYPE OF FOOD POISONING, THERE WERE GERMS CAUSED AND SPREAD BY DIRTY FOOD HANDLERS, GIVING RISE TO THE SYMPTOMS SHOWED BY THE NOTIFIED CASES.

THESE RESULTS WERE SENT TO THE GELLIGAER HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND THEY EXCHANGED SOME INFORMATION REGARDING A CONCURRENT OUTBREAK IN THAT AREA.

(M) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955 - SAMPLING

SAMPLING FOR ADULTERATION OF FOOD IS CARRIED OUT BY THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT OF THE MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL. BELOW IS AN EXTRACT OF THE REPORT GIVEN BY THE CHIEF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES INSPECTOR (A. W. PROSSER, ESQ.)

"SAMPLES WERE PROCURED AT ABERBARGOED, ARGOED, BLACKWOOD, CEFN FFOREST, FLEUR-DE-LIS, NEW TREDEGAR AND PENGAM.

THEY CONSISTED OF 59 MILK SAMPLES, 35 SAMPLES OF OTHER FOOD, 5 SAMPLES OF ICE-CREAM AND 3 BEER SAMPLES.

THE PUBLIC ANALYST CERTIFIED 56 MILK SAMPLES, 33 SAMPLES OF OTHER FOOD, 4 SAMPLES OF ICE-CREAM AND 3 BEER SAMPLES TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARDS REQUIRED.

INCLUDED IN THE 59 MILK SAMPLES, WERE 5 SAMPLES OF CHANNEL ISLANDS MILK AND THE AVERAGE FAT AND SOLIDS NOT FAT CONTENT WAS AS FOLLOWS:-

ORDINARY MILK:-	FAT 3.494%	SOLIDS NOT FAT 8.653%
CHANNEL ISLANDS:-	" 4.283%	" " " 9.000%

ONE SAMPLE OF MILK WAS GENUINE BUT OF ABNORMAL COMPOSITION. TWO HAD VERY SLIGHT QUANTITIES OF ADDED WATER AND THE PRODUCER WAS CAUTIONED.

ONE SAMPLE OF ICE-CREAM WAS VERY SLIGHTLY DEFICIENT IN FAT AND A CAUTION WAS ADMINISTERED.

(M) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955 - SAMPLING

AS A RESULT OF A COMPLAINT RECEIVED FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, PART OF A BOTTLE OF "APPLEADE" WAS SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC ANALYST FOR ANALYSIS. HE REPORTED THE SAMPLE TO BE ADULTERATED WITH A PORTION OF AN INSECT AND A PORTION OF A LEAF. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BY THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND MYSELF, IT WAS DECIDED THAT NO LEGAL PROCEEDINGS WOULD BE TAKEN AND A LETTER OF CAUTION WAS SENT TO THE MANUFACTURERS.

APPLES IMPORTED FROM THE LEBANON AND DISTRIBUTED TO MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, YOUR DISTRICT INCLUDED, WERE FOUND TO BE CONTAMINATED WITH A SLIGHT AMOUNT OF ARSENIC. IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT IF THE APPLES WERE WASHED IN A SOLUTION OF 1% HYDROCHLORIC ACID, IT WOULD NEUTRALISE THE CONTAMINATION."

I SHOULD LIKE TO RECORD MY APPRECIATION OF THE HELP AND CO-OPERATION GIVEN BY THE MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS, AND FOR THE ENTHUSIASTIC APPROACH TO THE WORK SHOWN BY THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

I AM, MRS. BAKER AND GENTLEMEN,

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,

A. M. COLEMAN.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

